(b) the total amount spent till now on the estimate and the balance of amount to be spent; and

(c) when the whole work is expected to be completed?

A.—(a) Excavation work has been started in the first 20 miles of the Kattalai High Level channel in the Kulittalai taluk and 16,000 units have been done against the total of 25,900 units in the taluk. No excavation work has yet been begun in the Trichinopoly taluk in which the total work to be done according to the sanctioned estimate amounts to 2,500 units.

(b) The expenditure incurred to end of August 1933 is Rs. 4,36,816 against the estimate of Rs. 17,50,000 for works.

(c) The main canal is expected to be finished before July 1935, and the distributaries by about July 1936.

Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR:—"May I know why in Trichinopoly taluk alone the excavation work has not been undertaken till now?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Papanasam Reservoir Project.

* 227 Q.—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what orders, if any, have been passed on the proposals for a Papanasam Reservoir Project in the Tinnevelly district as an independent irrigation scheme; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to place the papers relating to this on the table?

A.—(a) The report on the project has not yet been submitted to Government.

(b) The question of placing the papers on the table will be considered in due course.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"May I know for how long the Papanasam Reservoir Project has been engaging the attention of the Government?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice of that question."

Repairs to the Kangayan channel and anicut in the Tinnevelly district.

* 228 Q.—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to the Kangayan channel and anicut under the Gatanar river in the Tinnevelly district,—

(a) whether the Tinnevelly District Association presented a memorandum to the Executive Engineer on 21st November 1932 at the Ryots' Irrigation Conference, Tinnevelly, about the unsatisfactory condition of the channel;

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(*b*) what action has been taken, till now, by the Executive Engineer, on the memorandum; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to call for a report and place the same on the table?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not the information.

(*c*) Yes; a report has been called for. The question of placing it on the table will be considered after the report is received.

Irrigation Advisory Board for the Tinnevelly district.

* 229 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a request has been made to the Government for the formation of an Irrigation Advisory Board for the Tinnevelly district;

(*b*) whether the Tinnevelly District Association has made representations to the Government on 23rd January 1933 about the constitution and powers of the proposed Advisory Board; and

(*c*) what orders, if any, have been passed by the Government on the proposals and representations?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The letter from the Tinnevelly District Association was forwarded to the Board of Revenue for disposal. The Board of Revenue has on a report from the Collector informed him that he is himself competent to constitute an irrigation advisory board under the powers recently delegated to Collectors by Government.

Irrigation of parts of Udaiyarpalaiyam by waters taken from the Piranjeri and Ponneri tanks.

* 230 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any portion of the Udayarpalaiyam taluk, Trichinopoly district, was being irrigated by the waters from the tanks called Piranjeri and Ponneri; and

(*b*) if so, their respective ayacuts in the years 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There is no irrigation source known as Piranjeri tank in Udayarpalaiyam taluk. The hon. Member presumably means the Athiyadi eri of Piranjeri village. The ayacut of the two tanks as given in the settlement register is—

—	1900.	1910.	1920.	1930.
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Athiyadi eri	63·0	63·0	63·0	83·12
Ponneri eri	36·0	36·0	51·0	59·21

The Athiyadi eri breached in 1919 and steps are being taken to close the breaches.